

Barbara Anne Sousa  
Regulatory Counsel

Room 1403  
185 Franklin Street  
Boston, MA 02110-1585

Phone 617 743-7331  
Fax 617 737-0648  
barbara.a.sousa@verizon.com

March 7, 2002

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 98-57, Phase III**

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

This letter is to inform the Department about a recent announcement by Verizon Communications regarding its preliminary plans to conduct a first-office application of its Digital Subscriber Line (“DSL”) access service using an integrated (*i.e.*, Verizon-provided) DSL line card in at least one location in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup> during the latter half of 2002. I am filing this letter on behalf of Verizon Massachusetts (“Verizon MA”) in D.T.E. 98-57, Phase III, because Verizon’s future deployment plans may relate to issues raised in that proceeding regarding the provision of DSL services at the Remote Terminal (“RT”).

Attached is a copy of the public notice regarding Verizon’s preliminary plans for introducing DSL service at the RT. This was provided to competitive carriers in late February 2002, and is posted on Verizon’s corporate website.<sup>2</sup> Verizon MA will update the Department, as appropriate, of developments regarding this future offering in Massachusetts when further information becomes available.

---

<sup>1</sup> Verizon considers information relating to the deployment site in Massachusetts to be proprietary at this time, and has provided such information to competitive carriers on a confidential basis. Verizon will notify the Department when final decisions are made as to other deployment sites.

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.bellatlantic.com/disclose/netdis.htm> for “DSL Access Service at the Remote Terminal,” dated February 2002.

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

March 7, 2002

Page 2

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Anne Sousa

Enclosure

cc: Paula Foley, Esquire, Hearing Officer  
Jesse Reyes, Esquire, Hearing Officer  
Michael Isenberg, Esquire, Director-Telecommunications Division  
Attached Service List